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PRESENT SOVIET POLICY IN EUROPE

- I. Soviet strategy is to hold fast and to promote erosion of Western position.
 - A. Primary Soviet objective at Summit was to counter US successes in Europe, such as:
 1. Functioning mutual defense system - NATO.
 2. Revitalized Germany allied to West.
- II. Stalin's heirs prepared to take certain steps.
 - A. Withdrawal from Austria.
 - B. Humiliating reconciliation with Tito.
 - C. Withdrawal from foreign military bases (Porkkala and Port Arthur).
 - D. Reduction of armed forces by 640,000.
 1. Appears military personnel to be

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released are from both officer and conscript categories in all three services. Total extent still underterminable.

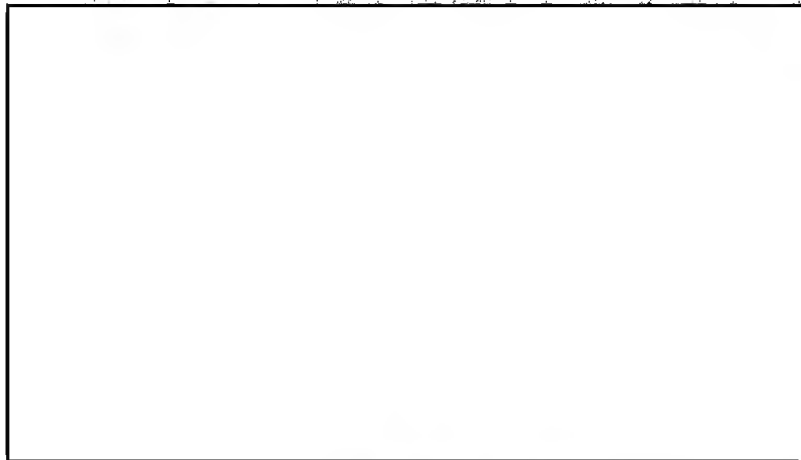
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E. Evident willingness to calm Far East
for the moment.

III. Soviet price for German unity is still
break-up of Western alliance.

A. Since the Summit--and culminating in
Molotov's 8 November blast at Geneva--
Communist leaders have made it perfect-
ly clear they intend to stand pat on
Germany.



IV. First results of Soviet application of
Geneva spirit to Europe are evident:

A. Some faster erosion of NATO, both in
hard military strength and in sharp
questioning of very nature and future
of alliance.

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- B. Growing pressure by US allies to accept Communist China into family of nations.
- C. Determination to reduce strategic trade controls.

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